

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Thompson et al.

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Title:

Systems for Applying Ultrasound Energy to the Thoracic Cavity

## AMENDMENT D SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment D responds to the office action mailed June 9, 2006, which was designated as being final.

An automatic three month extension to respond, up to and including December 9, 2006, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that also accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: